

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

### The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

**Charlotte Gilliam**, Room 205

### At Home

**Keith Abbott**, 3413 Brookview Road (04)

**Janice Bobbitt** (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr, Wilmington 28409

**Dave Corn**, 3611 Browning Place, Raleigh, NC 27609

**Bob Davis** (Dan Davis' brother), Greenville, SC

**Della and Lela Edwards**, 211 River Bank Lane, Greenville, NC 27834

**Michelle Costa Foster**, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

**Linda Hoyle**, 210 Gravely Drive (04)

**Bill Jones** (Dorrie Wright's brother)

**Jim Martin**, 116 Cobblestone Court (04)

**C.B. Morris**, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

**Cornelia Singletary**, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)

**Barbara Valentine**, 112 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858

**Jill Ward**, 3833 Westmoreland Drive (04)

### Our Members-at-Home

**Ethel Hines**, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

**Ester McKnight** (Terry Martin's mother), Brookdale Assisted Living, 650

Goldrock Road, Room 106 (04)

**David Ozment**, 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

*EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY! That's what you flesh out, Lakeside Family. Many thanks to all who chose to participate in our effort to furnish Thanksgiving meals to families of City of Rocky Mount employees who were recently laid off. Participants in At the Table and Circle 10, as well as other Lakeside members, gave generous gifts of cash and cards. We were able to purchase 56 Walmart gift cards that will buy a Thanksgiving meal for 10 people (\$40 per meal). Those gift cards, with an accompanying letter letting them know they are in the prayers of our Lakeside Family, were delivered to the head of HR at the City on Thursday, November 13. Your kindness and your financial support will make a difference this Thanksgiving for families who are struggling. Thank you so much.*

*Carol B. Taylor*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MORAVIAN LOVEFEAST

On Sunday, December 7, we will travel to Winston-Salem to attend the Moravian Lovefeast at Wake Forest University. Check the church website or contact the church office for more details.

## YOUTH CANDY GRAM FUNDRAISER

What to give to that person on your list who has everything? For this year's Holiday Fundraiser, our youth are offering Candy Grams! For a donation to our Summer Trip Fund, we will mail a card and sweet treat to someone you would like to honor, either with your name or anonymously. Please complete the form on the youth page of the website or contact the church office by December 12.

## YOUTH NEWS

This Sunday, November 23, parents of high school students will meet to begin making plans for next summer's Pilgrimage. Watch your texts for time and details. Also remember that deposits for the ski retreat, January 23-25, at Winterplace, WV, are due this Sunday. We will have a regular schedule of activities this week and our community youth Advent party on November 30 at St. Andrew's. I hope to see everyone on Sunday!

Elizabeth

## MUSIC NOTES

It's hard to believe that Advent is already upon us! Reminder that the Children's Choir will be singing in worship on Sunday, November 30, as part of the Hanging of the Greens service. Attendance at this Sunday evenings rehearsal is important so that children are prepared and fitted for their robes. Reminder to Chancel Choir and Lakeside Ringers that there are no evening rehearsals next Wednesday, November 26.

Jake

## TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

See you at our upcoming events: Continue the Communion on Sunday, December 7, at El Jimador (2181 Lawrence Circle), the Christmas party at Dick & Nancy's Berry's home (1412 Jeremy Lane) on Sunday, December 14, after the Candlelight Service, and a visit to the Dunn Center to view the Life & Art of Charles M. Schulz exhibit on the afternoon of January 6, 2026.

Sue

## THIS SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeter – Lori Joyner and Nancy Berry

Ushers – Bill Bulluck, David Browder, and Dan Herring

Acolyte – Matthew Paszek

### *November 23, 2025 ♦ Reign of Christ / Commitment Sunday*

Lessons: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79

Sermon: "Following the Leader"

Anthems: "Diadem" – arr. Mauk

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" – Holden

## LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2025 Missions and Ministry Budget \$588,144

	Week	YTD	2024
Anticipated Giving	\$11,310	\$520,281	\$496,319
Through November 16	\$5,721	\$443,035	\$411,087
Variance	-\$5,589	-\$77,246	-\$85,232

## FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

As the end of the year approaches, we need your continued financial support to make our 2025 budget. Please review your current 2025 giving to Lakeside and complete your plan for this year, considering any additional funds you may be able to provide. With your support, we can close the current budget shortfall and be in a position to fulfill all the missions we are so very blessed to support.



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## LAKESIDE CHURCH

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### CHURCH STAFF

Libby Grammer  
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Lisa Meadows  
*Minister to Children*  
Sue Bulluck  
*Senior Adult Director*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Liz Broomell  
*Administrative Assistant*

James Mauk  
*Minister of Music*  
Zackary Ross  
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## LAKESIDE CALENDAR

### Thursday, November 20

9:30 a.m. Rocky Mount Garden Club, Lecture Room  
12:00 p.m. Soul Space Prayer & Meditation Group, Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Singers Concert, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

### Sunday, November 23

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, Education Building  
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
11:20 a.m. Children's Church, Children's Classroom  
5:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, and Youth Activities, Music & Youth Building

### Monday, November 24

9:30 a.m. Cutting Greenery for Wreaths, 503 Evergreen Road  
10:30 a.m. Lakeside Preschool Thanksgiving Feast, Robbins Hall

### Tuesday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Wreath Making, Robbins Hall

## SUPPORT OUR LAKESIDE MUSICIANS

On Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m., the Wesleyan Singers, directed by our own James Mauk, will be in concert at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Admission is free.

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 23, 2025

We are pleased that our 2026 Ministry Plan of \$599,734 was approved by the church membership during our church conference Sunday morning. This net amount represents a very slight increase of 1.97% over the 2025 budget.

With the adoption of the 2026 Ministry Plan, we would ask that you review the step chart enclosed in your envelope and prayerfully consider your giving for next year. We are asking the membership to bring their Planned Giving Cards and place them at the front of the church on Commitment Sunday, November 23. If you are unable to attend, please send your Giving Card to the church office by mail or in-person to Liz Broomell.

## DIACONATE CLASS OF 2028

We are grateful to Kate Barnes, Carol Barker, Ginny Etheridge, Sam Johnson, and Will Lucas, who were elected as Deacons for the next three years, for their willingness to serve. An ordination service will be held January 18, 2026.

## HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting nonperishable food items, Walmart gift cards, and monetary donations to provide food for our neighbors who are struggling during these difficult times. Please drop off donations at the church office.

## CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

Many families in our community struggle throughout the year, but especially during the holiday season. If you would like to help a family in our community celebrate Christmas, please send monetary donations marked for "Christmas Families" by December 12. These funds will be offered to a local charity to distribute to families in need.

## 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

In commemoration of our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Marion Weathers and the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee designed a logo that can be used to remember this event for years to come. Purchase items with the logo to show your love for Lakeside! These make great commemorative gifts for family and friends this holiday season! Tumbler: \$15; Mug: \$15; Bag: \$5; OR Bundle Price: \$25.

We also have beautiful, updated giclee prints in various sizes of Marion Weathers' artwork, the "Lehman Benediction." Costs are: \$75 for 16x20, \$50 for 11x14, and \$35 for 8x10. Notecards of the Benediction print are also available for purchase (8 notecards for \$15). You can order these items online using the Give page of our website or call/email the church office.